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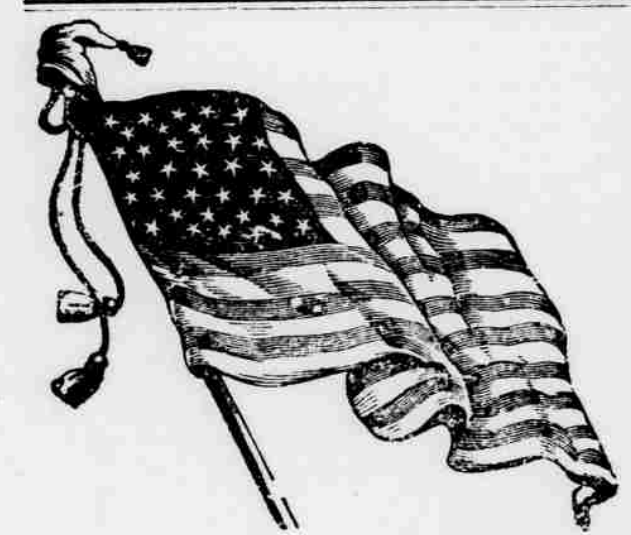
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Prof. E. A. Ross of the University of Wisconsin, who is just back from Russia, says the Bolsheviks know where they are going. Which is probably true, as the road to Germany is no doubt plain enough.

Vice-President Marshall, says elections should not be held during the war. But just because the Vice-President is thoroughly satisfied with the incumbent of the office, is no reason that the people are satisfied with all incumbents.

Any fool may criticize. But criticism is not a remedy; that requires constructive ability. So unless you possess this, better hold your tongue and saw wood. A Chicago lecturer says that bow legs are not so common as they appear. Didn't know any one had such poor taste as to fake bow legs.

Germans are said to be wearing clothes made of paper. The kaiser should be able to furnish them some raw material if they can utilize "scraps."

Austria tired of War! Well, it isn't the first time in history that an individual or a nation has started something that they couldn't stop.

Probably the reason why lightning never strikes twice in the same place is because the place isn't where the first strikes.

THE INCOME TAX

As evidence of the radical change in sentiment in this country within the past few years, we would cite our readers to the evolution of the income tax. But a few years ago the man who would have proposed an income tax in Congress would have effectually signed his own political death-warrant. We had come to believe from more than a century's experience that indirect taxation was the only kind of taxation for which the American people would stand. Even in our state and municipal governments personal earnings play no part in the scheme of taxation and even personal property is largely exempt.

But as the expenses of government mounted to unheard-of figures, it became evident that direct taxation would have to be resorted to and the incomes of the land were selected as the best able to bear it. This tax was at first very light and only placed on very large incomes.

Gradually the limit has been

lowered, until now all yearly incomes of \$1000 for single men and \$2000 for men of family must come to the help of their government.

But why the limit? Why should the man who makes \$999 a year be exempt from the tax simply because he failed to annex that odd dollar? He may be far better able to spare the money than the man who earns \$1000 or even \$1500 a year.

Getting right down to the gist of the matter, isn't any limit arbitrary and unjust? That depends entirely upon the light in which we view the matter of taxation. If we regard it as a burden, then perhaps we should set a limit under which no man should be asked to share in it. But is taxation entirely a burden? Isn't it rather one of our greatest privileges that we be permitted to share in the maintenance of the government that protects us and makes us what we are?

If we would go deep enough into this question of taxation we might discover that the aloofness with which many Americans view their government arises largely from the fact that they have been made to feel that they sustained no real relation to that government; that it is an institution for which they are in no way responsible and to which they owe none but a negative allegiance.

Americans might well begin thinking of a universal income tax. It may come, and sooner than many of us suspect.

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Frequent reports come from Holland of the death of stall-fed animals attributed to spoiled or otherwise unwholesome feed. In many cases the animals had been given acorns, chestnuts, and beechnuts, shelled and unshelled. It is said horses have died within 24 hours after having eaten raw and unshelled beechnuts in considerable quantities.

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